

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 998

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 14132.70 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 998, as introduced, John A. Perez. Medi-Cal: organ transplants: anti-rejection medication.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. Under existing law, organ transplants and donor surgeries are covered as reimbursable services under the Medi-Cal program.

This bill would provide that Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall remain eligible to receive Medi-Cal coverage for anti-rejection medication for up to 3 years following an organ transplant, unless during that period the beneficiary becomes eligible for Medicare or private health insurance that would cover the medication.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14132.70 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14132.70. Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall remain eligible to
- 4 receive Medi-Cal coverage for anti-rejection medication for up to

- 1 three years following an organ transplant, unless during that period
- 2 the beneficiary becomes eligible for Medicare or private health
- 3 insurance that would cover the medication.

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